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SUBJECT: ANTONIO SANSON CASANOVA
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Relet from Legat Havana 9/16/58; Bulet 10/3/58;
Miami tel to WFO 10/7/58, and WFO tel to Miami 10/8/58.

Legat Havana letter dated 9/16/58, lists Cessna 180-A, having American Registry #N 52130. WFO tel advised that CAA records reflect that this number is now not assigned to any aircraft and never to a Cessna.

U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that the correct registration number is N 5213D.

CAA, Miami, advised that a foreigner may purchase an airplane but to be flown, it must be registered. Only a U. S. citizen may register an aircraft in the States.

U. S. Customs advised that PEDRO DIAZ LANZ purchased N 5213D, a Cessna, sold it to an American, ~~GEORGE TREDWELL~~, who sold it to SANSON CASANOVA, who traded the plane in on a twin-engine Beechcraft, N 48Q, which subsequently crashed.

TREDWELL subsequently purchased a Lockheed Lodestar N 74659 that went to Cuba on 10/15/58, and was seized by U. S. Customs on 10/16/58. RICARDO LORIE VALLS, July 26 leader, is wealthy and capable of supplying the money for the purchase, is suspected of being in Cuba on 10/15/58, aboard the Lodestar, and was aboard Cessna N 5213D on 9/11/58, at Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba.

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U. S. Customs advised that many of these purchases have gone through Mr. ROBERT MEYERS, Linden, New Jersey, who has been co-operating with Bureau Agents and who is handling a purchase for four F8F Bearcat fighter planes, and that \$8,000 has been deposited by either TREDWELL or LORIE VALLS.

Papers found in possession of TRIANA DIAZ, ENRIQUE CABRE, and JOSE NARANJO when arrested in Miami on 10/22/58; now charged with ITSA, indicate that a C-47 plane in Canada, registration N 26753, has been or will be stolen by Cuban rebels.

MM 635-S, who talked to RAUL CASTRO on 10/29/58, advised that CASTRO plans to purchase a number of F-51 fighter planes for use in the Sierra Cristal, Cuba.

It is requested that WFO contact CAA, Washington, D. C., to ascertain who registered above-mentioned aircraft and if any of the above-named persons registered any other aircraft.

Newark Office requested to contact Mr. ROBERT MEYERS, Linden, New Jersey, concerning his knowledge of above airplane purchases and other pending purchases by TREDWELL or Cubans.